

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, lines 2-17 as follows:

Accompanying FIGURE 1 depicts one possible manufacturing sequence for making the upholstery tack strip of the present invention. In this regard, a roll of metal strip or ribbon stock 10 may be fed to and through the cross-head die 12a associated with screw extruder 12. Prior to being fed through the cross-head die 12a, however, the ribbon 10 is preferably pulled through a knurling tool 12b which may include, for example, a pair of opposed knurled rollers acting on at least one, and preferably both, of the lateral edges of the metal ribbon 10 so as to knurl the same as shown by reference numeral 10a in FIGURES 2-3 below. In this manner, the knurled edges 10a present a series of transverse ridges extending along the lengthwise extent of the lateral edges of the metal ribbon 10 so as to establish a roughened surface to the thermoplastic sleeve applied via the cross-head die 12a. In such a manner, the transverse ridges of the knurled edges 10a ~~so as to~~ assist in anchoring the ribbon 10 thereto. The ribbon 10 may optionally alternatively or additionally be pulled through an adhesive applicator 12c which serves to apply an adhesive material onto the ribbon 10 and thereby assist in anchoring the thermoplastic sleeve thereto which will be applied via the cross-head die 12a.